GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NEW EMISSION NORMS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working out any new emission norms in the country particularly in the metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the new emission norms would be implemented, particularly in the metros?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 289 to be answered on Monday, the 14th August, 2006 on New Emission Norms asked by Shri G. Karunakara Reddy

(a) to (c) A Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas under the chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Director General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to obtain a holistic view on the issues of automobile technologies, corresponding fuel and its impact on environment etc. The recommendation of this Committee on Auto Fuel Policy provides a road map for emission norms for control of automobile pollution in different parts of the country. The time-frame for introduction of new emission norms for automobiles is as following:

Bharat Stage II (BS-II) equivalent emission norms in the entire country from 1st April, 2005; BS-III equivalent emission norms in respect of four wheeled vehicles in the 11 cities of Delhi/National Capital Region (NCR), Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur and Agra from 1st April, 2005; Introduction of the BS-III emission norms in the entire country from 1st April, 2010; Introduction of the BS-IV emission norms in 11 cities referred above from 1st April, 2010.

The above referred metro cities have been brought under a separate schedule for quicker adoption of new emission norms. The schedule for introduction of BS-III emission norms in the entire country and the BS-IV emission norms in 11 cities as mentioned above is subject to review in 2006.